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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A" ACCOMPANYING  
SECTION 371 NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION AS FILED**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified accompanying  
Section 371 national stage application as filed as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 3, 6, 7, and 10-13 as follows:

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A.B' >  
-3. (Amended) Method according to Claim 1,  
characterized in that the infrared radiation comprises  
substantial components, which bring about the drying, in the  
near infrared, in particular at wavelengths below 1.0  $\mu\text{m}$ .